

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ted Washburn, on January 13, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ted Washburn, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cara Gold, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts (For Hope Stockwell), Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 144, 1/7/2011; HB 151, 1/7/2011; HB 172, 1/7/2011
Executive Action: HB 47; HB 98; HJ 1

00:00:01 Vice Chair Welborn welcomed the committee and public.
00:01:57 Lenore Adams, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:04:06 Rep. Welborn

00:04:37 Rep. Driscoll entered the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:45 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 144, Revise FWP licensing laws related to large predators.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:40 Roland Deane, Montana State Houndsmen Association
[EXHIBIT\(fih10a01\)](#)
00:13:07 Tony Knuchel, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:14 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:15:52 Rod Bullis, Self
00:19:51 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers
00:21:05 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon
[EXHIBIT\(fih10a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:23:59 Dave Risley, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fih10a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:25 Rep. Flynn
00:27:55 Dave Risley
00:28:15 Rep. Flynn
00:28:40 Dave Risley

00:29:04 Rep. Peterson left the hearing.

00:29:09 Rep. Flynn
00:29:23 Dave Risley
00:30:04 Rep. Flynn
00:30:21 Dave Risley
00:31:23 Rep. Wilmer
00:31:58 Dave Risley
00:32:30 Rep. Wilmer
00:33:17 Dave Risley

00:33:43 Rep. Wilmer
00:33:54 Rep. Harris
00:34:35 Dave Risley

00:35:06 Hope Stockwell entered the hearing.
Todd Everts left the hearing.

00:36:08 Rep. Phillips
00:37:30 Rep. Washburn
00:38:35 Rep. Phillips
00:39:01 Rep. Washburn
00:40:00 Rep. Phillips
00:41:28 Rep. Connell

00:41:47 Rep. Peterson returned to the hearing.

00:43:27 Dave Risley
00:43:59 Rep. Connell
00:45:15 Dave Risley
00:45:51 Rep. Connell
00:47:06 Rep. Washburn
00:48:03 Rep. Connell
00:48:55 Rep. Washburn
00:49:39 Rep. Harris
00:51:32 Dave Risley
00:52:10 Rep. Kennedy
00:52:22 Dave Risley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:57 Rep. Washburn

00:54:14 Rep. Phillips
00:54:47 Rep. Welborn

HEARING ON HB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:26 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 151, Revise laws related to special elk permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:32 Marvin Mace, Self

00:59:33 Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.

00:59:57 Rep. Price left the hearing.
01:02:24 Jim Manning, Self
01:02:39 Rep. Price returned to the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:35 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:07:38 Joelle Selk, Montana Bow Hunters Association
[EXHIBIT\(fih10a04\)](#)
01:08:34 Sam Samson, Elkhorn Working Group
[EXHIBIT\(fih10a05\)](#)
01:10:27 Rep. Peterson left the hearing.
01:11:27 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
01:11:43 Rep. O'Hara returned to the hearing.
01:13:43 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers
01:14:09 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (The Farm Bureau asked Mr. Bodner to stand in opposition on their behalf.)
01:15:41 Gary Dobler, Self
01:16:09 John Potter, Self
01:16:34 Douglas C. Potter, Self

Informational Testimony:

01:17:01 Dave Risely, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fih10a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:11 Rep. Flynn
01:19:35 Dave Risley
01:19:48 Rep. Flynn
01:20:22 Douglas C. Potter
01:20:37 Rep. Peterson returned to the hearing.
01:22:02 Rep. Loney
01:22:21 Dave Risley
01:22:42 Rep. Loney
01:23:05 Dave Risley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:50 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:31:11 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 172, Revise laws related to hunting of grizzly bears.

01:32:16 Rep. Skattum left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:32 Mike Sedlock, Self

01:34:42 Rep. Skattum returned to the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:35:58 George Golie, MWF

01:37:43 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

01:37:55 Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.

01:39:27 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers

Informational Testimony:

01:40:02 Dave Risley, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fih10a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:28 Rep. Connell

01:42:18 Rep. Washburn

01:42:27 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:42:45 Rep. Connell

01:43:00 Rep. Kennedy

01:43:22 Dave Risley

01:43:37 Rep. Kennedy

01:43:48 Dave Risley

01:44:03 Rep. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:47 Rep. Washburn

01:47:09 Hope Stockwell

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 47

01:48:47 Rep. Washburn

01:49:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. K. Peterson moved that **HB 47 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Miller and Rep. O'Hara voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 98

01:50:49 Rep. Washburn

01:51:18 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 98 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:51:28 Rep. Kennedy

01:51:44 Rep. Washburn

01:52:17 Dave Risley

01:52:24 Hope Stockwell

01:53:13 Rep. Knudsen

01:53:19 Hope Stockwell

01:55:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Skattum voting no. Rep. Miller and Rep. O'Hara voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 1

01:55:55 **Motion:** Rep. K. Peterson moved that **HJ 1 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:56:30 Hope Stockwell

01:56:53 Rep. Phillips

01:59:00 **Motion:** Rep. Phillips moved that **HJ 1 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:59:23 Rep. Wilmer

01:59:54 Rep. Phillips

02:00:15 Rep. Wilmer

02:00:24 Rep. Phillips

02:00:51 Rep. Peterson

02:01:46 Rep. Kary

02:02:30 Rep. Phillips

02:03:41 Rep. Peterson

02:04:03 Rep. Phillips

02:04:54 Rep. Harris

02:05:31 Rep. Wilmer

02:06:29 Hope Stockwell

02:07:21 Rep. Wilmer

02:07:26 Rep. Peterson

02:09:26 Rep. Phillips

02:10:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-16 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Phillips and Rep. Wilmer voting aye. Rep. Miller and Rep. O'Hara voted no by proxy

02:10:55 Rep. Phillips

02:12:40 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Phillips made a substitute motion that **A COMMITTEE BILL BE DRAFTED**. Substitute Motion failed 5-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Phillips and Rep. Price voting aye. Rep. Miller and Rep. O'Hara voted no by proxy.

02:13:54 Rep. Peterson

02:14:29 Rep. Wilmer

02:15:09 Rep. Phillips

02:15:57 Rep. Harris

02:16:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Phillips voting no. Rep. Miller and Rep. O'Hara voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:19:53 Adjournment

Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(fih10a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih10a09\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(fih10aad.pdf\)](#)